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The Danish Question.

Probably most of our readers, in looking over the foreign news of late, have been puzzled to know what the "Schleswig-Holstein question" may be, to which such frequent allusion is made, and which threatens to be one of the many causes of war in Europe.

Schleswig and Holstein are parts of Denmark, and have descended from the middle ages as "Duchies." They have an area of 6700 square miles, and an aggregate population of about 900,000,—considerably less in both, than Massachusetts. Holstein has seaports on the Baltic and the North Sea, whence its products of wheat, hemp, horses and cattle find their way to the markets of Europe. The seat of government is Glucksburg, and the principal cities Altona and Kiel, both of which are connected by railway with Hamburg. Schleswig is noted for its great dairy farms. It is almost surrounded by water, and inundations are frequent. The capital, Schleswig, is an ancient city, formerly a great commercial city, but has declined owing to its harbor filling.

The present difficulty is on account of the succession. The King of Denmark, Christian IX., father of the Princess of Wales and the new King of Greece, claims sovereignty over the Duchy by virtue of traditional usage, as well as by the treaty of London of 1852, in which the King of Denmark was formally recognized as Duke of Schleswig-Holstein. This claim has the merit of antiquity, for it was in the middle of the fifteenth century that Christian I. of Denmark was duly elected by the people of the Duchies as their ruler; but he acknowledged the tenure to be distinct from that of his Danish crown, and this provision has ever since been recognized by his successors, including the present monarch. He has therefore, as Duke of Holstein, sent a representative to the Federal Diet, paid an annual quota, and raised the allotted contingent of troops for the defense of Germany.

But there is another party, that of Prince Frederick of Augustenburg, who opposes the authority of the King of Denmark in Holstein, and whose pretensions the Diet has voted to support, who claim that the change in the succession to the Danish throne, by which females are permitted to inherit the crown, is unjust and illegal in its application to the Duchy; that the succession in Holstein cannot be changed without the consent of the German Bund, because Holstein is a part of Germany and the Duke of Holstein a German sovereign; that the male succession in the Duchy has not yet failed; and that the Duke of Augustenburg is the legitimate ruler, as the senior branch of the original family of which the reigning king of Denmark is the younger offshoot. England espouses the cause of Christian IX.—partly probably, on account of relationship, and partly from a desire to preserve the "balance of power" in Europe. Austria and Prussia are in favor of the contestant of the Danish monarch's claim.

Denmark, which has large naval and military resources, is making preparations for war. The estates of the Duchy of Lauenburg have passed a unanimous resolution to support the bonds that unite the Duchy to Denmark, and to recognize King Christian IX., as Duke of Lauenburg. A letter from Schleswig says that the fortifications of Dannevirke are now almost completed. The part which is intended to protect the position against an attack from the south is mounted with two hundred guns. The King of Denmark has ordered a strong squadron to be fitted up and to assemble at Kiel. Two line-of-battle ships, two frigates and five steam corvettes have already proceeded to that port, where they will wait for other vessels which are speedily to join them.

It was anticipated that Sweden, which sympathizes with Christian in opposing the Federal Diet, would assist Denmark with her fleets and armies, but a dispatch from Copenhagen, says that Sweden has withdrawn from the alliance. The reason put forward, according to the *Dagbladet*, is that as the quarrel now pending between Denmark and Germany concerns the London treaty of 1852, Sweden cannot separate herself from the other powers who signed the treaty.

The Federal Diet has passed, by a small majority, a resolution for "federal coercion," which is that, in an order for the occupation of the disputed territory by German troops, while the King of Denmark issues a proclamation declaring his intention to put down insurrectionary movements by force of arms and to resist the invasion.

The Prussian finance minister calls for a loan of 12,000,000 thalers, to meet the expenses of the contemplated warlike measures, but the latest report is that the army of occupation, in aid of Prince Frederick, is to be Austrian.

ENGLAND IN HER COLONIES.—England is again fighting her swarthy subjects in Hindostan, and the rebels are extending a late London letter says: "From New Zealand we learn that the Maories have constructed a redoubt in a very strong position, and rendered still more dangerous to attack by rifle pits. Gen. Cameron did not deem it expedient to move until his force had been brought up by reinforcements to one-half more than that of the rebels. What a reflection for those who boast of the powers of the Armstrong guns at his command, waits until he has 3,000 men to lead against 2,000 untrained savages!"

Some of the British press have been early with the American Government because it has not yet wholly suppressed the revolt of half a continent peopled by Caucasians; but here are a few savages in the islands of New Zealand which Great Britain has been trying to conquer for five years and her object is not half accomplished yet.

THE NEW NAVY NOMENCLATURE.—The 20 new wooden vessels of war, for which the machinery is now building, are to be named as follows: *Huron, Tahyayata, Mosholu, Illinois, Mandamin, Wata-ma, Piscataqua, Kewagqua, Conlocococ, Kewey-din, Pushmataha, Querrina, Waukegan, Minnetonka, Ontario, Anishinabe, Jara, Willemette, Quinagondan.* Now are not these names quite as good as *Illinois, Ontario and Anishinabe* may do for names, because they are familiar to all, but the others are barbarous. Some of them may have a mellifluous and rhythmic sound when correctly pronounced, but to the majority of people, they will be perfect jaw-breakers until they "get the hang of the thing." Surely we cannot be so hard run for names as this would indicate. If American designations for vessels have been nearly exhausted, we would advise falling back on the classics, including the heathen mythology.—*St. Louis Republican.*

LAUNCH OF A MONSTER IRON CLAD.—The third effort to launch the iron-clad vessel *Dictator* has resulted in complete success. This splendid specimen of naval architecture was launched from the yard of Mr. De Lamater, foot of Thirteenth street, North River, at ten o'clock yesterday morning. It will be remembered that two unsuccessful attempts were made last month to place the vessel upon the water; but everything came off yesterday as successfully as could be wished.

The keel of the *Dictator* was laid one year ago last September. She is three hundred and twenty feet long, fifty-two feet breadth of beam, twenty-two feet depth of hold. The armor of the vessel is composed as follows: Six one-inch plates outside, backed by four and one-half inch wrought iron bars running lengthwise along the vessel, making ten and one-half inches of solid iron plating, which is backed again by four feet of solid oak. The turret is built in three courses, the outside course being composed of seven one-inch plates, inside course by four one-inch plates, and middle course by segment bars five inches in thickness. This arrangement of the turret armor dispenses with through bolts. The turret will carry two of Ericsson's new guns. These are thirteen-inch bore, and forged, carrying a three hundred and four pound shot. The charge of powder will be one hundred pounds. This arrangement of the turret armor is one of the most powerful ever known. Six boilers are placed in the vessel, making the engines five thousand horse power. The motive power is then furnished by two engines, calculated to give the vessel a speed of eighteen knots an hour. Besides the motive engines, there are ten others, used for working turret, ventilation, etc.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The following is the act which Mr. Wilson of Iowa proposes to introduce into the House, and of which he gave notice on Monday:

A joint resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of said Constitution, viz:

Article 13.—Section 1. Slavery being incompatible with free government, is forever prohibited in the United States, and involuntary servitude shall be permitted only as a punishment for crime.

Section 2. Congress shall have full power to enforce the foregoing section of this article by appropriate legislation.

ATLANTA, GA.—The great objective point for which Gen. Grant is planning is Atlanta, which is really the heart of the Southern States, and therefore the most vital point in rebellion. The towns of Rome and Marietta, which will fall with it, manufacture one-third of the horse-shoes, guns and munitions of war made in the South. The machinery for the production of small arms has been taken to Atlanta, which place has several extensive foundries. All the machinery from the foundries at Chattanooga has likewise been shipped to Atlanta. Besides, it is a flourishing city, an important railway centre, and an extended depot for Confederate commissaries stores. Atlanta has a population of 26,000 inhabitants, among whom is a liberal sprinkling of Northern men, who are the most demonstrative and extreme secessionists in the town. It is located in an elevated and salubrious section of the State, upon the dividing line in Fulton county, between the cotton-growing and grain producing regions, and is 507 miles from Charleston, 310 miles from Savannah, 175 miles from Montgomery, Ala., 186 miles from Chattanooga, 312 miles from Knoxville, and 790 miles from Richmond. Four railroads communicate with Atlanta, and form a junction—the Western and Atlantic, or Georgia State Railroad, the Georgia Railroad, the Macon and Western Railroad, and the Atlantic and Montgomery Railroad. In the spring of 1850 John C. Calhoun, on his return from the Commercial Convention at Memphis, stopped several days in Atlanta, and predicted it then that it would be the greatest inland city of the South, and at no distant day the capital of the Southern Confederacy. Although the rebel Capital is at present in Richmond, the public sentiment of the South has already located it permanently at Atlanta, provided the Confederacy does not collapse.—*St. Louis Republican.*

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European.

The Civic Council at Naples have decided upon the erection of two monuments, one for Victor Emanuel and one for Garibaldi.

It is rumored that a marriage is in contemplation between his Royal Highness Prince Alfred and a Princess of the House of Oldenburg.

M. Nadar's "Giant" Balloon, in its late aerial journey, travelled at an average speed of 664 miles per hour. The brothers Godard are now having a balloon constructed which will contain 14,000 metres of gas. The Giant holds 6,000.

M. Vidocq, grandson of the celebrated thief taker of that name, has been condemned by the Tribunal of Correctional Police of Lille to six months imprisonment for stealing shirts from a Madame Lecourt, a washerwoman, with whom he lived as servant.

We find the following in the *Liverpool Mercury* of the 25th ultimo: "The Paris correspondent of the *Morning Star* says: 'The impression gains ground that we are upon the eve of a troubled period. It is thought that next spring France will go to war with some of her neighbors—with which nobody pretends to say. But a European war is considered one of the necessities of the Emperor's situation.'"

THE "GREAT METROPOLIS."—The English Registrar-General's report shows that nearly one in eleven deaths in London occur in workhouses, and that every sixth person dies either a pauper or a criminal. London now covers 120 square miles. The population, which increases 1,000 a week, is now 3,000,000. 15,000 persons died last year, out of its population of 2,500,000, for the want of ordinary sanitary precautions. Of pure and wholesome water the people of London drink but little.

On December 16th, King received from the stakeholder his check for £1,500, a sum of £10 having been deducted for the expenses and services of the referee. The railway company received one-half of the ticket money taken, about £2,000 in all, so that there will be £1,500 to be equally divided between the men. Heenan has not appeared at any public resort since his defeat; and the prevalent opinion is that he will not show himself for a considerable period. King it is said, has entered into a theatrical engagement. He is said to be paid £500 per week for a nightly appearance in fighting costume.

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